

Sediment: Small, solid pieces of material that come from rocks or living things.



Sedimentary rocks form when sediment is deposited by water and wind.



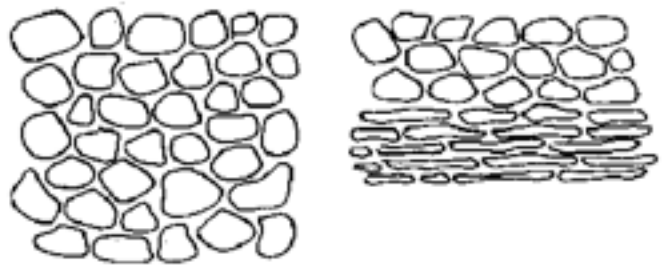
Erosion occurs when running water, wind, or ice loosen and carry away fragments of rock.



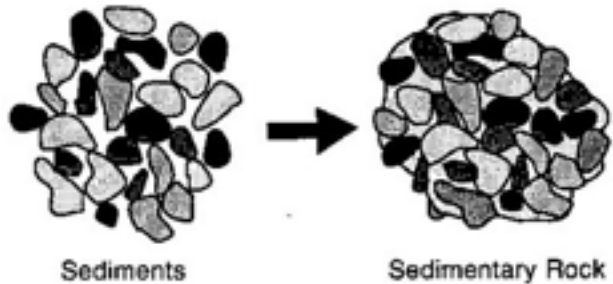
Deposition is the process by which sediment settles out of the water or wind carrying it.



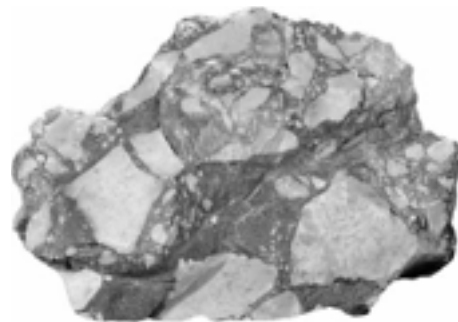
Compaction: The process that presses sediments together is compaction.



Cementation is the process in which dissolved minerals crystallize and glue particles of sediment together.



Clastic Rock: A clastic rock is a sedimentary rock that forms when rock fragments are squeezed together.



Organic rock: Rock that forms where the remains of plants and animals are deposited in thick layers.



Chemical rock: Rock that forms when minerals that are dissolved in a solution crystallize.

